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SUBJECT: PUBLIC SCHOOL RESTROOMS

On November 18, 2003, the Board approved a motion by Supervisor Antonovich, directing the Director of Health Services to: 1) inform City officials that the Department of Health Services (DHS) will send inspectors to accompany City staff for a pilot program; 2) meet with Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and Los Angeles County Office of Education staff to determine whether a cooperatively funded school restroom inspection program can be developed; and 3) report back to the Board with the results of the meeting with school district staff and the results of the pilot inspection program. This is a progress report since our February 6, 2004 memo.

As previously reported, in December, this Department's Environmental Health (EH) inspectors participated in a two-week review of the LAUSD school safety program. During this time, they visited five elementary schools in various areas along with LAUSD representatives. In addition, EH staff reviewed the LAUSD *Safe School Inspection Guidebook* (April 15, 2002) and provided comments to the LAUSD director of environmental health and safety.

In January, the City Attorney and the LAUSD Superintendent announced a similar program for joint inspections. We have not yet been contacted to arrange participation in this effort.

We will provide you with a further update by May 31, 2004. In the meantime, if you have any questions or need additional information, please let us know.

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